



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

† THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2012

Mission Statement of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's

To be Nurtured by Christ's Word, Supported by a Faith Loving Community, and to Serve the Needs of Others as Called to Minister.



st. mary church
nicasio

+ St. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) +

Mass	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
Confessions	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon.Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Luke 3 : 10 - 18

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The word means "Rejoice". The basis for such rejoicing is the coming of the incarnation is near. It is time to begin rejoicing.



St. Mary's Christmas Concert, December 9, 2012



Mass Intentions: Week of December 16, 2012

Sunday	9:30	... Shane Arneson
Sunday	11:15	... Marie Diaz
Monday	8 a.m.	...
Wednesday	8 a.m.	... Walter & Sophie Wiltanger
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Dan Kerbs
Friday	8 a.m.	... Jean Daly & Family



From the Pew

9-hour Adoration, Thursday, December 20th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church. Contact Daphne Massucco or Fr. O' for details.

Toys & Joys is now in the church helping to make Christmas more joyful for Valley kids. Make checks payable to "Toy & Joys. Place your donation on the **Jesse Tree** or mail to: *Grace Tolson, Dickson Ranch, P. O. Box 496, Woodacre, CA 94973.*

Winter Sock Drive. Collecting now 'til December for St. Vincent de Paul's patrons. Drop off: St. Mary or Rectory.

We wish to thank all who came to the **St. Mary's Christmas Concert** last Sunday for their support. Also thank you for the donations from the businesses: Fairfax Market, Nicasio Cheese, Two Birds, Skywalker Ranch, Peri's Deli Novato, Rancho Nicasio, Mill Valley Refuse. Special thanks to the musicians and volunteers who donated their time to make this event a success.



Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$ 495.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$ 427.25
Total:	\$ 922.25



"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."

Upcoming Parish Events

- + 9-hour Adoration ... 12/20
- + **Christmas Eve** ... 12/24 @ SM 5:30 p.m.
- + **CHRISTMAS** ... 12/25 @ SC 9:30 a.m.



We bid Farewell to
Maureen Healy

who passed away on December 9, 2012. Please keep the O'Sullivan Family, Aidan, Fiona, Maeve, Paul in your prayers. May Maureen rest in peace.

Canon Law It is not canonically required that Catholics within a parish territory be a part of that parish. You can attend any parish you prefer. You are asked to register in the parish of your choice.



The Average American gains 10 lbs. during the December Festivities, but Christmas only ranks third behind Thanksgiving and Super Bowl Sunday.

Church & Climate Change

Most scientists believe climate change has an effect on droughts, storms, hurricanes. When Bishop Bernard Unabali, Papua New Guinea baptizes a parishioner, he tells them to plant a tree as a way of respecting all creation, life and recover our relationship with creation. As ocean waters rise he expects the small islands to be submerged and communities will be forced to live elsewhere, within decades.